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**In re Application of:**

Pan et al.

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**For:** WELL-DRIVE ANNEAL  
TECHNIQUE USING PREPLACEMENT  
OF NITRIDE FILMS FOR ENHANCED  
FIELD ISOLATION

**Examiner:** A. Mai

**Group Art Unit:** 2814

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed July 24, 2001, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on October 24, 2001.